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CIA's Turner Said Against MX Missile

WASHINGTON (AP) — CIA Director Stansfield Turner has expressed opposition to deploying the new MX intercontinental missile in a mobile land-based system, administration sources said yesterday.

The sources said Turner, a retired admiral, restated to the high-level Policy Review Council last Tuesday his belief that all future mobile long-range missiles should be deployed in submarines rather than on land.

The Central Intelligence Agency said there would be no public comment from Turner.

The CIA chief, probably reflecting his Navy background, is said to believe that the coming vulnerability of U.S. land-based missiles should be met by concentrating on an improved missile-firing submarine force and bombers.

This philosophy puts Turner out of step with the prevailing view in the Carter administration that the nation needs land-based missiles, submarine-fired weapons and bombers armed with cruise missiles. Defense Secretary Harold Brown strongly supports this three-pronged system.

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